



## Common Resolution: Accepting the Nine Tools of Civility

Whereas, south Wood County area residents place a high value on respect and civility in their lives, and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_ supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community; and

Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes addresses controversial issues about which people often feel passionately - which at times leads to uncivil behavior; and

Whereas, an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself,

Therefore, be it resolved, that \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes nine tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our area. These tools include:

1. Pay attention.
2. Listen.
3. Be inclusive.
4. Don't gossip.
5. Show respect.
6. Seek common ground.
7. Repair damaged relationships.
8. Use constructive language.
9. Take responsibility.

Be it further resolved, that \_\_\_\_\_ shall promote the use and adherence of these tools, dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please mail a photocopy of signed Resolution to Incurage.*

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